Rome Oct 15. 1864

My dear Maria

This is to say that within a fortnight I shall be able to send you £5 (indeed I hope even £10) but my account with the F. O. is not yet come but as I have just got an offer for my Carracci picture which I picked up in the street in the early mornings. yet I am not quite sure that I shall be permitted to send it away as the Pope has the 1st claim for the Vatican but at all events I shall get the first of such a world & which is now offering me from London. — Do always rely on my doing my best know I trust my best will come up to the mark and

that I should be able really to add materially
to your comforts in the entering winter

You will be pleased to learn that my
dear Eleanor is so well & so contented
I trust I am able to do so much for her
- no doubt she is a very very clever child
perhaps with thinking capacity beyond
my other children & then her dear dear
mother educated her with such care
that she is quite home in two languages
from the French & German

Her judgment is excellent

In haste Your affectionate
bro Tom Joe